

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 17 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 20 therein;
Claim 20 has been canceled.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-19 are now pending in the application. Claims 11-19 are active; Claims 1-10 stand withdrawn from consideration.

REMARKS

The active claims now being limited to subject matter under rejections that were reversed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin non-elected process claims of even scope and in the absence of further grounds of rejection, pass this application to issue with all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

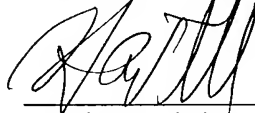
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